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Notice, Auto Owners

Notice is hereby given to all auto owners that the law requires you to have affixed the proper license tag on your cars for 1920; and the law further requires me to report and arrest persons not complying with the law.

Please, therefore, see that your cars are properly tagged before driving them upon the public highways.

Respectfully,
C. H. ADAMS, Sheriff.

COUNTY SCHOOL NOTES

It will be remembered that under date of January 30th, last, the County Superintendent published a letter which he had received from C. I. Fleming. Another letter has recently been received from Mr. Fleming and in the belief that it will also prove of general interest it is here published. "The more I think it over the less I can understand why thinking people will take young men and women, trained to want and appreciate the best in life, and put those same young men and women to teach their children without paying enough to enable them to reach the standards of life for which they have been prepared. It has been my experience that the best way to create a trouble-maker is to lead some one to expect something that is worth having, make him or her work for it, and then not give it. And that is just what the communities of this country as a whole are doing today with their teachers; yet they wonder that in a few isolated cases teaching of the anarchistic type have been found. Isn't it rather a wonder that the teachers as a whole have been so true to the principles of Americanism?"

"I wonder if the people of St. Francois county are aware of the number of teachers that are leaving the profession? Do they know that practically every teacher can go out and make more money in some other line of work, AND THAT THE TEACHERS ARE GOING?"

"I am enclosing a copy of a tabulated report of certain conditions in Minnesota towns of from 2000 to 4500 population. This report was compiled by Supt. H. C. Bell of Laverne to be submitted to the Board of Education in order that they might have some data upon which to base their actions in the matter of a bonus to their teachers this year."

"I wish to call your attention to the following points in connection with this statistical study:

- 1-That of the forty schools listed only one is giving no bonus.
- 2-That only eight have granted less than \$90.
- 3-That eight have guaranteed a sum of \$35.
- 4-That, in practically every town, the bonus is given to high school and grade teachers alike and in the same sum, on the grounds that IT IS NOT A PRESENT BUT IS A RECOGNITION THAT LIVING EXPENSES HAVE GONE UP FOR ALL ALIKE.

"In other words, Minnesota is waking up to the situation and intends to keep her efficient teachers if she can. Is Missouri?"

"As to salaries for next year, every Superintendent has agreed that he has no idea of what they will be—but they all agree that this year will be no measure of what next year will bring. One scale of minimum salaries submitted for discussion, just a few days ago, runs from \$1000 for grades to \$1600 for the special departments in the high school."

"And it will take that amount to get efficient, trained, experienced teachers."

"The Laverne Girls Basketball team gnished the season Friday with a victory over the previously undefeated Worthington team by a score of 22 to 6. This gives them a claim to be considered in the championship honors of this section of the State. Considering that none of the girls had ever played before, we had a rather good team. The loss of the hall where practice had been carried on caused the curtailment of the season. When the new \$300,000 high school is finished, there will be plenty of games. This building will contain a gymnasium 78x50 in the clear, with seats for 400 spectators built into the building and removed from the playing floor."

J. CLYDE AKERS,
County Supt. of Schools.

It is with genuine regret that The Times notes Jerry B. Burks and Dr. A. O. Smith are the two retiring members of the Farmington School Board. Regret is caused in this matter by the decision of both these gentlemen not to again submit their names for these positions. They have both made good in the discharge of the important duties of that position, and their places will be difficult to fill, as places on that board should be filled by intelligent, observing and capable men, who have a deep interest in school matters. It has been suggested that one, or both of these places should be filled by women, and The Times believes the suggestion is a good one, as one or more good business women could hardly help but improve the efficiency of the Board of Education. The law provides, however, that such candidates must hold a personal tax receipt of within the past year. Do you wish to give them a trial? If so, is there one or more duly qualified women who can be drafted for these positions?

Centenary Campaign Meeting

Leading ministers and business men from all the counties of the eastern half of Missouri, with a number from other sections, who are to become financial directors for the churches in the Interchurch World Movement campaign, April 25 to May 2, held a meeting Wednesday, March 17, at the Statler Hotel, St. Louis, received instructions and discussed plans for the drive.

Among those present were 29 representatives from the Christian Church, 16 from the Presbyterian, 4 from the Methodist Episcopal, and 4 from the Methodist Episcopal church South, with a scattering from other denominations. It was explained that the centenary campaign of the Methodist church had already covered the branches of that denomination, but that this church would aid in the financial drive of the Interchurch Movement.

All of the speakers were enthusiastic in their support and approval of the campaign plans, and expressed their faith in the success of the undertaking.

Among those present were: Drs. Chas. F. McKay, Knox City; Chas. R. Foreman, Louisiana; F. W. Harney, Cordwell, S. W. Stophlet, Flat River; Henry Little, Springfield; Revs. E. L. Combs, Willow Springs; J. P. Jewell, Fredericktown; Robt. S. Boyd, Farmington; J. F. Forsythe, Caledonia; F. Cowden, Springfield; F. R. Gillman, Moberly; W. C. Forster, Lebanon; Lewis E. Mitchell, Hollister; H. L. Maltman, McKans; M. D. Dudley, Troy; Jno. G. Engle, Piedmont; Jno. O. Giffon, Sedalia; J. C. Horton, Fredericktown; J. Hallis, Glauville; Casper C. Garrington, Kansas City; Chas. H. Swift, Cape Girardeau; J. B. Weldon, Canton; M. Owen, Kelliston; A. E. Moody, Chicago, Ill.; Geo. L. Peters, Canton; G. A. Hoffman, Bloomfield; Ralph Ward, Warrensburg; Chas. L. Roland, Wyconda; J. H. Jones, Springfield, also Messrs. W. M. Shokley, Eminence; C. F. Rose, Springfield; Wm. J. Oates, Hayti; Jno. Q. Adams, Memphis; H. E. Steinman, Chamois; J. W. Miller, Clinton; C. R. Mitchell, Sikeston; J. Kelley Wright, Columbia; H. G. Weeks, Eldon; D. A. Decker, Clinton; F. H. Wright, Richmond; S. B. Owens, LaPlata; G. L. Eaton, Memphis; A. W. Ebeling, Warrenton; G. A. McFarland, Thayer; H. F. Kern, Palmyra; J. P. Bailey, St. Louis; Ed. P. Crowe, Dexter; W. D. Endres, Kansas City; N. C. Curry, Piedmont; W. F. Milton, DeSoto; J. M. Bailey, Farmington; M. J. Nicason, Memphis; Prof. L. W. Dodson, Des Arc College Hill; Prof. A. W. Taylor, University of Missouri, Columbia, and Col. E. Y. Burton, Pres. Missouri Military Academy, Mexico.

The total sum to be raised in the United States for the work of the thirty denominations entering the campaign is \$336,777,572. Missouri's quota will be announced in the near future. Rev. Louis S. Cupp, St. Louis, is director for the Northwest Missouri District, and Rev. T. A. Claggett, for the Southeast Missouri District.

The consensus of opinion, as expressed by speakers and conference, was most enthusiastic and optimistic as to the success of the drive. All seemed to agree that Missouri would take her usual pride in fulfilling and exceeding her quota in this drive as in all other campaigns for the world's welfare and happiness.

WHY NOT HAVE

FREE DELIVERY?

Mr. Smith, our genial postmaster, said some time ago we had reached the mark that gave us the privilege of having free delivery.

Won't some of our public spirited citizens get busy and put this thing through; or our Mayor, as I'm sure he would like the credit of doing such a fine act for his city, which he so ably represents.

I'm sure the boys and girls of the public school would add a word of praise and commendation, for it would save them an extra trip to the post-office every evening after school, and would be an accommodation to the clerks on duty at that time, as the rush at that hour is great. And the boys and girls would, I'm sure, be so glad to just go home and get busy at something more profitable to them.

Would like to have expressions from others on the subject.

A SUBSCRIBER.

The past week was a big one for the Telegraph Dept. of the Chillicothe Business College as several students were placed on the Union Pacific and C. & N. W. railroads, another with the Western Union, while three more were sent to the oil fields as telegraphers for oil companies.

Hearings in Special Term Circuit Court

Circuit Judge Peter H. Huck held a special term of Circuit Court here last Friday for the purpose of hearing three injunction suits, as follows: Charles Williams, A. R. Smith, S. W. Baker and E. R. Beasinger, plaintiffs, vs. Elvins School District, defendants; being a suit to set aside the result of a special election in that district which authorized the issuance by that school district of \$90,000 for the purpose of building a high school building and a ward school building. After hearing the evidence the court decided that the injunction asked for by certain taxpayers in that district should be granted, and made permanent, for the reason that from recent decisions in higher courts such propositions should have been submitted to the voters separately, on the same ballot, rather than as a single proposition. In all other respects the proceedings were found to be correct and above just criticism.

Iron Mountain Mining and Farming Co., a corporation, and J. W. Elledge, plaintiffs, vs. Earl A. Clemmons, Vaughan M. Tavery, E. O. Humphreys Co., defendants; in which plaintiffs ask for a temporary injunction against defendants restraining them from removing, selling, disposing of, shipping, or in any manner making away with or disposing of iron ore from the Iron Mountain mines until further notice.

J. W. Elledge, plaintiff, vs. Pleasant Valley Development Co., a corporation; in this matter it appears that plaintiff is entitled to leave an order against defendant restraining them from further attempting to forfeit the contract entered into between plaintiff and defendants, and from attempting to recover possession of the "Iron Mountain Tract", consisting of 16,000 acres of land, or the iron mines located on said tract, which order is made by the court.

Rev. J. P. McDonald, who has been serving the Farmington Circuit M. E. Church, South, has been appointed pastor of the Methodist church at Doe Run and will move to that place the first of next week. Rev. J. T. Maynard has been appointed as pastor of the Farmington Circuit, to take the place of Rev. McDonald. Rev. McDonald and Rev. Maynard will each take up their work at once in their respective fields of labor. Rev. Maynard will preach at Marvin Chapel Sunday at 11 a. m. Rev. McDonald will preach at Doe Run morning and evening next Sunday.

A Condition to Be Corrected

The lamentable manner of handling passengers to Farmington at Flat River, of which The Times has heretofore spoken, continues in the same crude manner as it always has. Instead of the M. R. & B. T. railroad trying to accommodate its patrons at that point, where passengers for this city must transfer to the electric car, they still persist in adding hardship to such passengers by compelling them to get off their trains on the wrong side to catch the electric, thus forcing them to walk entirely around their trains of several coaches in order to be permitted to complete their journey.

As a matter of fact, simply by opening the train doors on the other side passengers would then be permitted to step off and get on the electric car without the long and tiresome walk around the trains, through that makes walking difficult. To a vigorous person, traveling alone, with little baggage, such a task may hardly be noticed. But to old and infirm persons, or those hampered with children or baggage, such a task is really a hardship. Then, too, when those laboring under such handicaps do finally complete such altogether unnecessary journey, they usually find every seat in the electric car occupied, so that their securing a seat depends entirely on the feelings of those who may already be seated—in other words, their lost and undue condition must be such as to make an appeal to the sympathy of other passengers, who also have paid their fare and should be entitled to seats, before they can expect even a minimum amount of comfort, no matter how travel-weary they may be.

Is it not about time that the general public should receive at least a small share of consideration? If they will not do it willingly, then the officials of the M. R. & B. T. Railway Co. should be compelled to exercise at least a slight degree of accommodation to passengers on its usually overcrowded passenger cars.

The U. D. C. held its regular meeting last Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. S. J. Tetley. An interesting program on Historic Homes was given. A motion was passed for the U. D. C. to spend an evening mending books at the Public Library. They will also send quilt scraps to the women at the Confederate Home. A social hour was enjoyed at the close of the meeting.

Wholesale Robbery of Goff Mer. Co.

One of the Goff Mercantile Co. stores at Desloge was broken into Sunday night and goods to the estimated amount of \$5,000 were stolen. The robber, or robbers, effected an entrance to the store building through a ventilator window in the cellar, and indications are that the work was performed by someone who had knowledge of the place.

The robbers also proved to be very discriminating in their selection of goods, taking only the most expensive fabrics, consisting principally of silks, a large stock of which had just been received. Some had not been unpacked. The entire booty, while quite large in amount, possibly made very little bulk, and was perhaps put into two gunny sacks, as a sack of coffee and a sack of vegetables had been emptied, probably to get the sacks into which the silks were put, after which they were placed in an automobile.

It was only a few months ago that the other Goff store in Desloge was raided by burglars, and a large amount of goods carried away. The perpetrators of that crime have never been apprehended, and if there is any clue as to who committed Sunday night's robbery, it is not generally known, though every effort is being put forth to run down the criminals, and the general sentiment there is that they will be apprehended.

Warning to Ex-Service Men

A warning cautioning former soldiers, sailors and marines against profiteering lawyers who exact exorbitant fees from the poor and ignorant for legal services of trifling character in connection with the filing of claims against the Government was received yesterday by the St. Francois Chapter of the Red Cross from Southwestern Divisional Headquarters of the Red Cross at St. Louis.

"It has come to the attention of the Red Cross," a Home Service official said, "that among a certain class of attorneys, formerly known as ambulance chasers, a practice has grown up of charging fees ranging from \$100 to \$250 for filing compensation claims of former soldiers against the Bureau of War Risk Insurance. Naturally the only ones taken in by these sharpers are people of the poorer classes who are vastly unfamiliar with legal formalities."

"A case in point is to be found in the illustration concerning a soldier whose claim, amounting to \$1000, had been granted, but who had been adjudged mentally incapable. It was necessary that a guardian be appointed. The family went to a lawyer. He told them the court costs would amount to about \$50 which he corrected. But then on top of that he exacted two more payments of \$50 and a third of \$25 for 'legal charges'. The family was compelled to go out and borrow all this money which they paid for at usurious rates of interest. When they refused further payment the attorney notified them that it was all off—their claim had been disallowed. At this point they communicated with the Red Cross and matters finally were straightened out satisfactorily."

"Now it is only fair that attorneys who handle such claims should be reimbursed to some extent for their time and trouble. Court costs in such cases do amount to about \$50. Many people are unable to raise even that small amount and have to apply to the Red Cross for a loan until their claim is paid. If persons who are about to press such claims will apply to the home service section of their local Red Cross chapter they will be directed to competent attorneys of known integrity who will prosecute their claims expeditiously at just and equitable charges."

Statue for Soldier Dead in France

This is Gift Week for the purpose of raising funds for the erection of a statue to the American soldier dead in France. The purpose is to raise a fund of about \$250,000 in the United States for such purpose. This means that Missouri's quota will be only about \$15,000, of which the amount expected from St. Francois county will be very little. The statue is to be erected on the site where the battle of the Marne was fought.

It is the desire of those in charge of this patriotic work that individual gifts be small, and that everyone give something to assist in this commemorating the memories of those heroes who made the supreme sacrifice for the freedom of the world. Surely every true American will desire to make a small contribution to this noble undertaking. It makes no difference how small the contribution, it will represent you in that work. Whether it be a dollar, a dime or a penny—in fact penny contributions are being urged from the school children in particular—give it to either of the banks, or to any public school pupil, all of whom are authorized to receive it, and will turn it into the proper channel. Tomorrow will be the last day. Do not fail to get in your contribution to this fund.

Mrs. Vince DeDonato retired to St. Louis yesterday accompanied by her little son, James. She had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Watson since Monday.

Back to Farm or—What?

The trend of the people continues to be from the farms to the cities. Such a constant movement has been going on for some time past, and such trend does not appear to be in the least abating. In fact, if there is any change in its intensity, it is perhaps increasing. The cities are now overflowing with workmen from the farms, who have been drawn there by the fabulous wages that are being forced by the present abnormal conditions. While it is true that the wages being paid on public works is enormous—abnormal—it is also true that living expenses of all such wage earners is practically as high as is the wage scale, so that the percentage of actual profit of such workers is thereby reduced to a minimum.

Such abnormal conditions are bound finally to prove disastrous to most of those who are persuaded to leave their original employment for the will-o'-the-wind of inflated wages. But perhaps the worst trouble that must ultimately result from this breaking away from the farm will be the ever increasing cost of living. Just what the final result will be by the changing of so many from farm work to public work can at this time only be conjectured, but the only logical conclusion is that if this trend is not stopped the result soon will be that the world will go hungry, as practically everything on which the populace depends for subsistence must come from the farm.

Then again, farm wages are now much greater than they ever were before, while for the workers their living expenses are either included in their wage, or else they are very materially reduced. So that, all things considered—the happiness and general contentment of country life, compared to the strife and discontent that too often permeates congested communities—it appears to be a perfectly safe and sane conclusion that the farm worker will live longer and be blessed with a far greater degree of happiness and contentment, than will the one seeking higher wages among the hurrying hordes of the cities.

Only a bird's-eye-view of city life as it is at present is necessary to convince one that there is but little satisfaction there. Everyone is expecting to be "held up" at every turn—and they usually are. Therefore the desire is soon bred in many of them to "hold up" the other fellow—and they sometimes do, or attempt it. Everything is unnatural. The seething thousands from the country districts now infesting the cities stand but little better show here than they would against the old time "bruce game." Notwithstanding the fact that the hotels and boarding houses there are charging prices several times as high as formerly, there is hardly an employee in such places that fails to have their hand out for a tip. Nor can you evade seeing that "freebooter hand." Should you try to ignore it, you may be slugged and robbed of practically all your earthly possessions.

In the beginning, this article was intended to give a resume of the dangers of the present trend of population to the city, with the consequent neglect of the most productive mines that this country possesses—the farming lands—but an inspection of the actual conditions already existing in St. Louis, which is typical of every other large city throughout the country, which was recently made, has caused the mind of the writer to be so full of the strangely lamentable existing conditions as to make it impossible to intelligently present the conditions there as they were impressed upon us. But, finally, we would urge upon all farmers and farm laborers, the very great importance of remaining on the farms and producing the very best crops possible. This is by far the better plan of bringing home the greatest degree of happiness and prosperity.

MUSICAL PROGRAM WAS AN ENJOYABLE AFFAIR

The musical program given in the High School auditorium last Friday night was an enjoyable affair. The auditorium was fairly well filled and all those in attendance seemed to thoroughly enjoy the program. The music was furnished by the H. S. Orchestra and Glee Club, by Mildred Graves, who sang a vocal solo; Barbara Caroline Tullock, violinist; Helen Karsch, who rendered a piano solo, and by Wm. Shaw, saxophonist. Both the Orchestra and the Glee Club, which are under the direction of Dr. John B. Graves and Rev. R. S. Boyd, respectively, rendered several excellent selections and their rendition of their numbers brought praise both upon themselves and their directors. Both are organizations to be proud of. One thing that was evidenced by last Friday night's program was that Farmington has some very creditable musical talent in the High School and grades—talent that the town should, and is, proud of. We feel no fear whatever in asserting that Farmington High School has as good, if not better, musical talent than any High School in this section of the state.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

The Bynn Yarn Co. (Incorporated), of Memphis, Tenn., have completed the sale of the necessary 100 shares of stock for the establishment of a "Cash and Carry" store in Farmington, which will soon be open. This is for the purpose of notifying those who may have been overlooked, that there are still a few shares of stock in this local store that will be disposed of, and those desiring such investment should see J. B. Allen, Farmington Manager.

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